
JANUARY 26, 1821.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

To establish an additional Land Office in the territory of Michigan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *so much of the public lands of the United States, in the ter-*
4 *ritory of Michigan, which are embraced within the land dis-*
5 *trict of Detroit, and are unsold, as are included within the*
6 *following boundaries, shall be formed into a new land district,*
7 *to wit: commencing on the border of lake Erie, at the South*
8 *East corner of township five, in range ten, and running*
9 *thence with the line of said township West, to the South*
10 *West corner of township five, in range nine; thence running*
11 *North, to the South East corner of township three in range*
12 *eight; thence running West, to the South East corner of*
13 *township three, range six; thence running North along the*
14 *Eastern boundary line of said range six, to the North East*
15 *corner of township one, in range six; thence running West*

16 to the meridian or Western line, as established by the
17 treaty of Detroit, of the seventeenth of November, eighteen
18 hundred and seven; thence, running South along said meri-
19 dian line, to the Northern boundary of the state of Ohio:
20 and thence East, along said boundary line, to the margin of
21 lake Erie. *Provided*, That such part of the tract of land, of
22 twelve miles square, at the rapids of Miami, which was at-
23 tached to the land office at Wooster, in Ohio, by the act of
24 the twenty-seventh of April, eighteen hundred and seventeen,
25 and which lies within the territory of Michigan, shall be, and
26 is hereby excepted, out of the provisions of this act. And,
27 for the sale of the public lands, within the district hereby
28 constituted, there shall be a land office established at the
29 town of Monroe, the seat of justice for the county of Monroe.

4 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be
2 a register of the land office, and a receiver of public moneys,
3 appointed by the President of the United States, for the land
4 office of Monroe, to superintend the sales of public lands
5 within the said district, who shall reside at the town of Mon-
6 roe, give security in the same manner, in the same sums, and
7 whose compensations, emoluments, and duties, and authority,
8 shall, in every respect, be the same, in relation to the lands
9 which shall be disposed of at their office, as are, or may be,
10 by law provided in relation to the registers and receivers

11 of public moneys, in the several offices established for the sale
 12 of public lands.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of
 2 the third and fifth sections of the act, entitled "An act to de-
 3 signate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices
 4 for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for
 5 sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana, approved March the
 6 third, eighteen hundred and nineteen," be, and the same are
 7 hereby made applicable to the district and office at Monroe, so
 8 far as they are not changed by subsequent laws of the United
 9 States: *Provided*, That all such public lands, embraced within
 10 the district created by this act, which shall have been offered
 11 for sale to the highest bidder, at Detroit, pursuant to any pro-
 12 clamation of the President of the United States, and which
 13 land remain unsold at the taking effect of this act, shall be
 14 subject to be entered and sold at private sale, by the register
 15 of the land office at Monroe, in the same manner, and subject
 16 to the same terms, and upon like conditions, as the sales of said
 17 lands would have been subjected to, in the land office at De-
 18 troit, had they remained attached to that office.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall
 2 take effect, and be in force, from and after the first day of
 4 April next ensuing the passage thereof.